

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-25 remain pending in the instant application. Applicants hereby request cancellation of claim 10 and amendment of claims 1, 9, 13-19 and 20 by way of Examiner's amendment commensurate with the listing of claims provided herein. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the applicable rejections have been overcome and all claims remaining in the application are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at (206) 292-8600 if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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